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EL SALVADOR: FMLN COMMANDERS CHANO, CARLOS VIEW WAR EFFORT

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((INTERVIEW WITH COMMANDER CHANO, FMLN POLITICAL-MILITARY OFFICER, AND COMMANDER CARLOS, FMLN POLITICAL OFFICER, IN (VARILLANEGRA), MORAZAN DEPARTMENT--LIVE VIA MOBILE RELAY))

((TEXT)) ((QUESTION)) COMMANDER CHANO, YOU ARE THE POLITICAL-MILITARY OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THIS AREA CONTROLLED BY THE FMLN. CAN YOU TELL US THE CONDITION OF THE FMLN FORCES IN THIS AREA?

((ANSWER)) THE FMLN FORCES IN THIS AREA ARE COMBAT READY, WITH HIGH MORALE. THEY ARE TECHNICALLY AND MILITARILY PREPARED TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY ANY TIME HE APPEARS IN OUR AREA. THEY ARE ALSO PREPARED TO SEEK HIM OUT. OUR FORCES ARE USING NEW MILITARY AND POLITICAL TECHNIQUES. WE HAVE A SCHOOL THAT GIVES MILITARY LECTURES PERIODICALLY. WE HAVE BUILT AN OBSTACLE COURSE WHICH HAS GIVEN MORE IMPETUS TO THE MILITARY SCHOOL WHICH WE ARE DEVELOPING IN THIS AREA. WE ARE ALSO EXTENDING TO OTHER NEARBY AREAS WHERE WE ARE THINKING OF (?RECRUITING) SOME FORCES.

THIS IS WHAT I CAN SAY ABOUT THE FMLN FORCES HERE IN THE JURISDICTION OF CORINTO AND THE (VARILLANEGRA) CANTON. ALSO, AFTER THE ENEMY'S HARRASSMENT AND OFFENSIVES, OUR FORCES HAVE BECOME MORE COMBAT READY. OUR MORALE IS HIGHER AND WE HAVE A BETTER DISPOSITION AND TECHNIQUE.

((QUESTION)) RECENTLY, WE HAVE NOTICED THAT OUR FORCES IN THIS AREA HAVE BEEN ACTIVE. CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ACTIONS BY FMLN FORCES IN THE CORINTO SECTOR?

((ANSWER)) IN MARCH ((AS HEARD)) DURING THE ENEMY OFFENSE IN THE FRANCISCO SANCHEZ FRONT HERE IN THE REPUBLIC, OUR FORCES SEIZED AN ENEMY CAMP IN LA ESTANCIA CANTON. WE FOUGHT FROM 1900 TO 2230 AND WE CAUSED APPROXIMATELY 10 CONFIRMED CASUALTIES. WE BELIEVE THAT WE WOUNDED MANY. WE SUFFERED NO CASUALTIES. WE ONLY HAD ONE PERSON SLIGHTLY WOUNDED, BUT 8 DAYS LATER, HE WAS FIGHTING AGAIN. PREVIOUS TO THAT, WE HAD CARRIED OUT A HARRASSMENT OPERATION AND SEIZED THE TOWN OF CORINTO FOR SEVERAL HOURS. WE HAVE GONE THERE FOUR TIMES TO ((WORDS INDISTINCT)) WITH THE POPULATION.

ALSO, WE RECENTLY TOOK EL TABLON CANTON, WHERE SOME 150 PERSONS WERE GATHERED. WE HELD A RALLY. WE (?TOOK) IT FROM 0500 TO 1100 OR 1130. THE PEOPLE COLLABORATED WITH OUR FIGHERS. WE ALSO AMBUSHED THE GUARDS OF THE ((WORD INDISTINCT)) OF CORINTO. OUR FIGHTERS REPORTED THAT THEY HAD CAUSED SOME FOUR CASUALTIES. LATER IT WAS SAID IN THE TOWN THAT WE CAUSED SIX CASUALTIES. SO HERE, THE ENEMY HAD COMBAT CASUALTIES. ALSO ON THAT DAY, WE CUT OFF THE POWER IN CORINTO. IN THE PAST, IN JUNE, WE ALSO RECOVERED SOME MONEY. WE EXPROPRIATED MONEY FROM THE MORAZAN (?COMPANY) VEHICLE. IT WAS MONEY THAT THEY HAD STOLEN FROM THE PEOPLE, AND AT THIS MOMENT, IT IS BEING USED TO (?STRENGTHEN) THE WAR EFFORT.

((QUESTION)) COMMANDER, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEND A MESSAGE TO THE COMBATANTS AT THE OTHER WAR FRONTS IN OUR COUNTRY?

((ANSWER)) YES, ESPECIALLY TO THE COMPANEROS OF GUAZAPA. THESE COMPANEROS HAVE SHOWN THEIR HIGH COMBAT MORALE BY ANNIHILATING THE ENEMY FORCES THEREBY LOWERING THE ENEMY'S MORALE. THE FAMOUS ATLACATL BATTALION WHICH HAS BEEN FIGHTING OUR COMPANEROS IN THAT AREA HAS SUFFERED A HARD DEFEAT. THE BATTALION HAS NOT BEEN AS SUCCESSFUL AS THEY HAD THOUGHT. ONCE AGAIN THIS SHOWS THE PEOPLE THE CAPACITY AND MORALE OF OUR FIGHTERS, THEIR AGGRESSIVENESS TOWARD THE ENEMY.

COMPANEROS, I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONGRATULATE YOU. CONTINUE OUR PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE TO DEFEAT THE COMMON ENEMY OF ALL SALVADORANS, AN ENEMY WHO IS CURRENTLY UTILIZING ALL THE POWER--BOTH IN MILITARY SUPPLIES AND MEN, YANKEE ADVISERS, U.S. ADVISERS--WITH ALL THE MODERN ARMAMENT BEING USED HERE BY IMPERIALISM IN COLLABORATION WITH THE SALVADORAN OLIGARCHY.

ONCE AGAIN, COMPANEROS, I CONGRATULATE YOU AND URGE YOU TO KEEP GOING. I ALSO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SEND GREETINGS TO ALL THE FIGHTERS IN THE VARIOUS FRONTS OF OUR COUNTRY.

((QUESTION)) WE ARE NOW WITH COMPANERO CARLOS, THE POLITICAL OFFICER OF THIS ZONE. CAN YOU TELL US HOW POLITICAL WORK IS GOING IN THIS AREA AND HOW THE PEOPLE'S POWER IS BEING CONSOLIDATED?

((ANSWER)) REGARDING YOUR QUESTION, I CAN TELL YOU THAT THE PEOPLE'S POWER HAS INCREASED GREATLY, NOT ONLY IN (VARILLANEGRA) CANTON, BUT ALSO IN THE AREA OF CORINTO, SOCIEDAD, (POCOPOCACAUPERA) AS FAR AS SANTA ROSA DE LIMA. WE HAVE INCREASED BOTH OUR POLITICAL AND MILITARY CONTROL OVER THE POPULATION. MUCH WORK HAS BEEN DONE. PRODUCTION IS BEING INCREASED GREATLY, ESPECIALLY WAR PRODUCTION. NOT ONLY THE RURAL POPULATION, WHICH THE ENEMY PREVIOUSLY CONTROLLE PERHPAS BLINDED WITH SO MANY LIES HAVE INCREASED THEIR AWARENESS. THEY SEE THAT THE PARAMILITARY HAVE COMMITTED CRIMES ALL OVER THE PLACE, KILLING DEFENSELESS PEOPLE. NOW, THE TOWNSPEOPLE THEMSELVES TURN TO US, ASKING US HOW THEY CAN JOIN THE ORGANIZATION. THEY ARE ALSO MAKING PROGRESS AT URBAN LEVEL, NOT ONLY AT RURAL LEVEL.

INCREASED AWARENESS IS GREATLY INCREASING PRODUCTION AND GREAT NUMBERS OF MASSES ARE JOINING US. THE ENEMY WILL NEVER AGAIN CONTROL THEM.

((QUESTION)) COMPANERO CARLOS, AS POLITICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE OF CORINTO AND (VARILLANEGRA), WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE AN APPEAL TO THE POPULATION OF THIS ZONE?

((ANSWER)) I WOULD LIKE TO APPEAL FOR THE UNITY OF ALL THE RURAL POPULATION AROUND CORINTO, SOCIEDAD. I APPEAL TO THEM TO JOIN THE HEALTH BRIGADES, THE DEFENSE BRIGADES OF THE TERRITORY, TO COLLABORATE ONE WAY OR ANOTHER WITH THE REVOLUTION. YOU MUST JOIN IN LARGE NUMBERS SINCE RIGHT NOW WE HAVE A CHANCE. YOU MUST WORK IN PRODUCTION, HEALTH AND IN DEFENSE OF THE CONTROLLED AREAS. YOU MUST WORK IN THE NONCONTROLLED AREAS. IT IS NECESSARY TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY IN ALL AREAS AND THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY IN ORDER TO CONTROL AND ANNIHILATE THEM. IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE GREATEST NUMBER OF COMPANEROS TO JOIN IN THE AREAS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN WORKED, TO COLLABORATE. THIS IS THE PATH OF THE REVOLUTION.

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